



## Wildcat Rock Live



Matt Castro | COLLEGIAN

Pi Beta Phi Wildcat Request Live participants, choreographed dances to different music that represents the "K-State Hard Rock" theme Wednesday evening in Bramlage Coliseum.

## Greeks compete, dance for 'Hard Rock K-State'

By Brandon Steinert  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Inflatable guitars in hand, the K-State greek community rocked out to ACDC, Kiss, Elvis Presley and other artists during Wildcat Request Live Wednesday evening at Bramlage Coliseum.

Amanda Robinson, sophomore in pre-nursing, participated in the dance competition with her sorority sisters from Pi Beta Phi. She said the best part of their routine was dancing with the men from Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Beta Theta Pi.

"The boys gave it their all and worked really hard," she said. "They were really enthusiastic."

Ashley Kennedy, junior in elementary education, got her groove on with her Alpha Xi Delta sisters. They were paired with Delta Sigma Phi, Sigma Nu and Phi Beta Sigma.

They opened with "Thunderstruck" by ACDC and continued an elaborate routine with "Party Like a Rock Star" by Shop Boyz, "Walk This Way" by Aerosmith and "Bohemian Rhapsody" by Queen.

"[We picked these songs] because we thought it was important to keep with the theme and real-

ly play it up," Kennedy said, referring to the "Hard Rock K-State" theme. "[We wanted] to get the crowd excited with lots of cool dance moves. We practiced hard."

The pairing rehearsed for six to ten hours per week for about a month.

"All the hard work paid off," she said.

Pairings were judged based on four criteria: overall performance, adherence to the Homecoming theme, creativity and choreography. The winning pair will be announced after the parade during the pep rally Friday evening.

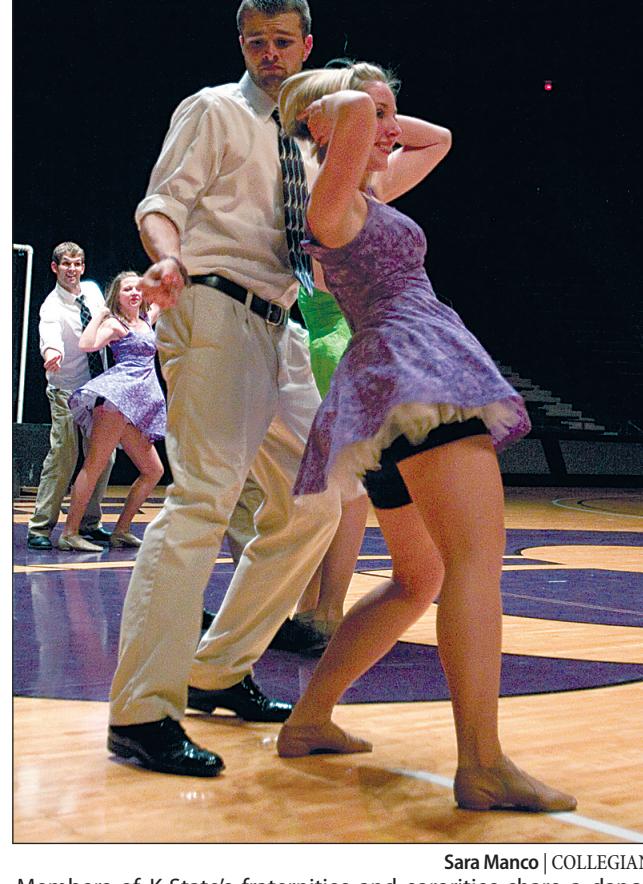
Near the end of WRL, two greek members, Benjamin Spare and Kelsie Ball, were awarded plaques to recognize their community service work.

Spare, sophomore in agriculture tech management, said he doesn't think he deserved it, but was thankful for those who believed he did.

Ball, sophomore in family studies, gerontology and pre-nursing, said she was honored to be nominated by a member of her house.

WRL co-chair Rachel Richardson, junior in public relations

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Sara Manco | COLLEGIAN  
Members of K-State's fraternities and sororities share a dance during Wildcat Request Live Wednesday night.

## Former Poet Laureate read aloud from collected works

By Steven Miller  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Charles Simic, 15th Poet Laureate of the United States, conducted a reading in Forum Hall Wednesday night. President Jon Wefald, the English Department at K-State and Claflin Books supported the reading.

Charles Simic immigrated to the United States from Yugoslavia at age sixteen. Since then, he has written seventeen collections in English and has translated poetry from languages such as Macedonian, Slovenian, French and Serbian.

Elizabeth Dodd, creative writing chair, opened with an elegant and insightful introduction of Simic, beginning with a brief biography and ending with an exploration of some of the themes within his work. The themes included the supernatural world, squalor, sex, and small moments. He read aloud from his collected works.

"You always feel challenged when someone says such nice things," Simic joked after the introduction, with the slightest Slavic accent. He quick-

ly transitioned into his first poem of the evening, "Shelley," an homage to the Romantic poet Percy Bysshe Shelley.

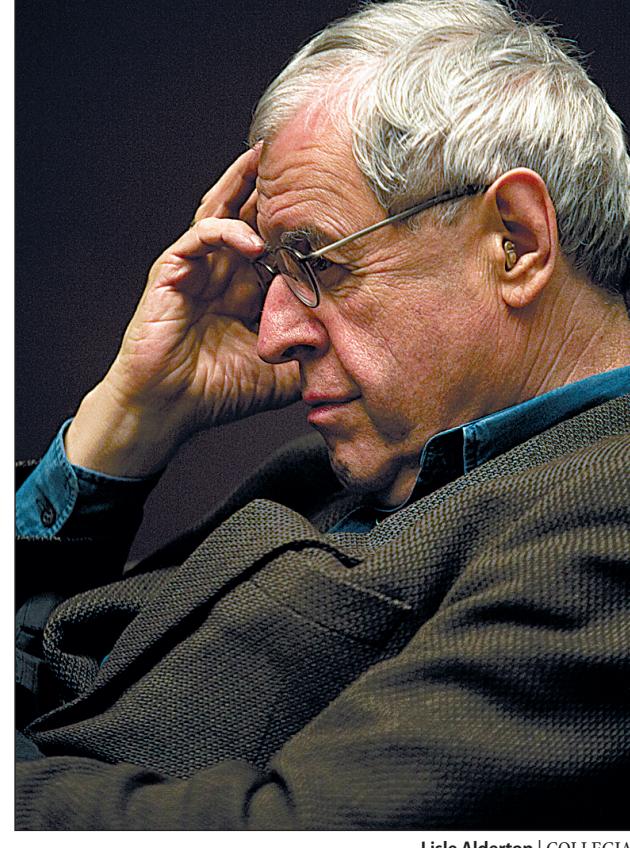
"Shelley spoke of a mad, blind, dying king," he read, his voice rising with import. Then a new tone of conversational story-telling came with "[The Chinese restaurant]" had a three-fingered waiter.

Who'd bring my soup and rice each night? Without saying a word."

About the writing of the poems from that time Simic explained, "This was the '80s and nothing really happened to me then. I just kind of moped around feeling sorry for myself. And really kind of enjoyed it."

The next poems, "Cockroach" and "Facto-ry," with their animal figures and odd images, received a lighter response. But it wasn't until he read "My Beloved," a poem he claimed was an example of "applied art," or art with a purpose, that the audience really relaxed.

"In the fine print of her face/ Her eyes are two loopholes/ No, let me start again," he stuttered for effect. "Her eyes are flies in milk/ Her eyes are baby



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN  
Charles Simic read selections from his extensive selection of works at Forum Hall Wednesday to a full audience. Simic is the former U.S. Poet Laureate.

long been reading on his own.

"When I interact with Simic's work, I'm reminded how accessible po-

etry can be," Redington said. "We always need to reach out to a poem but I feel Simic's work reaches back."

## Aggierville clean up today

By Sarah Burford  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Students and community members will meet at 10 a.m. Sunday at Varney's Book Store to help clean up the main streets and alleys of Aggierville after Homecoming weekend.

This will be the first volunteer Aggierville cleanup, said Linda Bachelor, program director for the K-State Volunteer Center of Manhattan. The center, which is part of the Good Neighbors Program task force, is recruiting people community-wide for the first time to help with the clean-up day.

"Merchants and I believe other students have thought of helping merchants out after Homecoming," Bachelor said. "We enjoy our times in Aggierville, and sometimes it needs more extensive cleanup after large campus and city events."

She said volunteers will pick up trash and make sure the area is clean for the community.

"Good Neighbors promote good relations between permanent residents and the university community," Bachelor said. "We concentrate our efforts in specific communities ... where students are living with ice cream socials, neighborhood cleanups and couch amnesty day."

She said the center hopes to replicate the clean-up after St. Patrick's Day and Fake St. Patty's Day.

The clean-up days are especially necessary, Bachelor said, because Aggierville is not part of a particular neighborhood association.

"We're recruiting anybody to come help us ... because we use [Aggierville] a lot. It's a focal point for all of us, not just students," she said.

The group of volunteers will move eastward along Moro Street and plans to stop cleaning at about noon.

## RCPD charges 3 in bust

By Eric Davis  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Three people were arrested Tuesday in an ongoing drug investigation in Manhattan.

Edwin Chardon, Tyrone Mays and Elizabeth Wilkerson were arrested when police raided their apartment on North Fifth Street, according to a Riley County police report.

Chardon, 30, was charged with four counts of possession, four counts of selling drugs, three counts of conspiracy to sell drugs, one count of possession of a simulated controlled substance and one count of unlawful possession of a depressant. His bond was set at \$10,000.

Mays, 21, was arrested on one count of criminal use of a weapon, one count of possession of a simulated controlled substance and one count of unlawful possession of a depressant. His bond was set at \$1,500.

Wilkerson, 19, was arrested on one count of possession of a simulated controlled substance and one count of unlawful possession of a depressant. Her bond was set at \$1,000.

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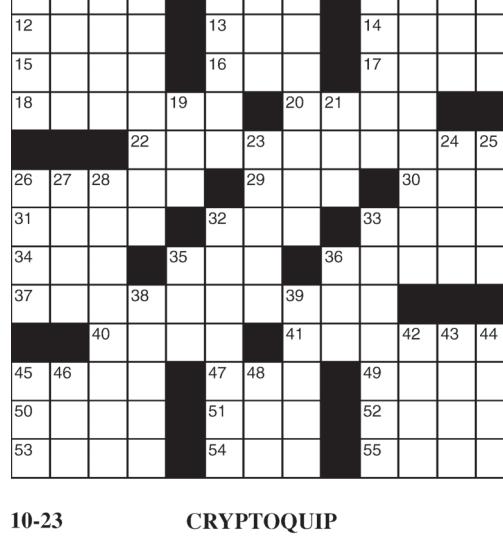
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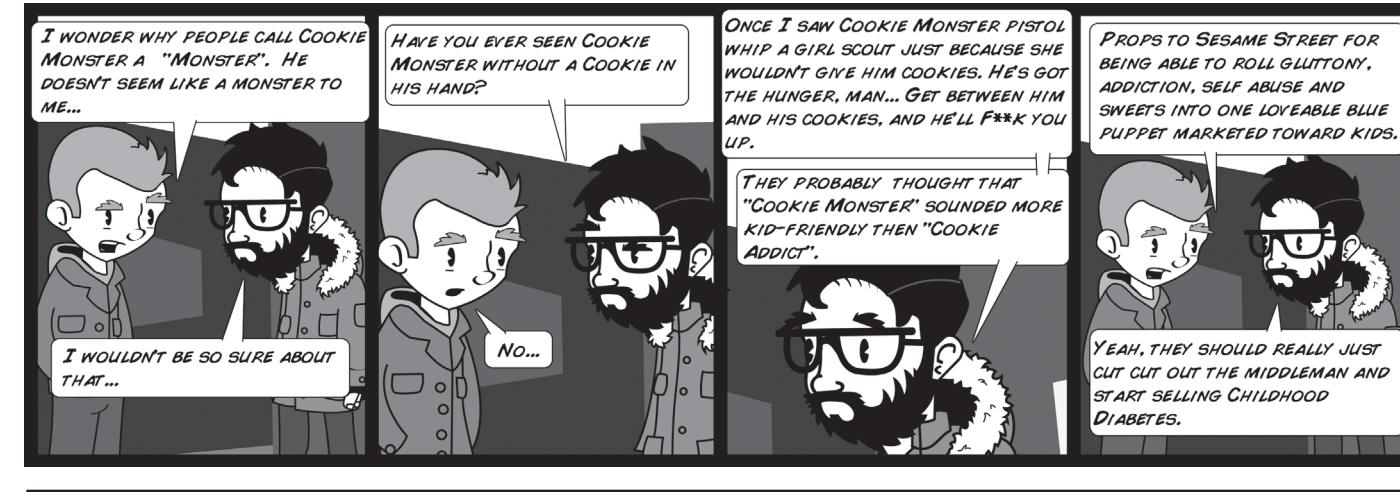
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**The Geology Seminar Series** presents Steve Massie's lecture "Seismic, Log and Core Characters of Chlorite-coated Sandstones in Santos Basin, Brazil" at 4 p.m. today in Thompson 213. Refreshments will be provided.

**Intramural entries** for bowling and cross country are being accepted through today. Sign up in the administrative office at the Peters Recreation Complex. The cross country meet is Sunday at Warner Park. Bowling will take place at the Union Bowling Center on Nov. 2 and 9. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

**The influenza vaccine** is available at Lafene Health Center. Flu vaccine clinics are scheduled for today, Oct. 30, and Nov. 6, 13 and 20, or until supplies are depleted. Please refer to Lafene's Web site, [www.k-state.edu/lafene](http://www.k-state.edu/lafene), for vaccine dates/times and info.

**For a list of homecoming activities** this week, go to [www.k-state.com/homecoming](http://www.k-state.com/homecoming). These activities include Paint the 'Ville Contest, Wildcat Request Live, K-State Ambassador

Elections, Yard Art displays, Homecoming Parade, Homecoming Pep Rally and Homecoming Tailgate Competition.

**Ask questions, get advice.** K-State Healthy Decisions will sponsor its second Student Speaker Series from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 28 in the K-State Student Union Courtyard. Listen to K-State students discuss their academic challenges and how they overcome them. Visit different resource tables for information and free items. For more information, e-mail [kstatehd@ksu.edu](mailto:kstatehd@ksu.edu).

**Rec Services is accepting** registrations until Tuesday for Hungry for Healthy Lifestyles, a three-week general nutrition program focusing on topics like making healthy food choices, emotional eating, maintaining healthy habits, healthy cooking and more. Classes begin Nov. 4, meeting from 5:15 to 6 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday through Nov. 25. Participation is limited to 35 people. Sign up in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. All current students and Rec members are eligible to participate. A registration fee of \$40 will be

paid during sign up. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

**The Graduate School** announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Valery Kolesnikov at 3 p.m. Nov. 3 in Nichols 236.

**The Graduate School** announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Yuwen Zhang at 2 p.m. Nov. 5 in the Practice Management Center in Trotter Hall.

**Career and Employment Services** will sponsor a Dining Etiquette Workshop at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 6 in the Derby Dining Center Gold Room. The workshop is designed to prepare students for interviews and business meetings conducted over meals. Reservations and advance payment must be made by Oct. 31 by calling 785-532-6506 or by going to Holtz 100. The cost is \$7.50 per person or one meal exchange with a K-State student meal plan. Professional business attire is required at the event.

**Rec Services presents Healthy Women Workshop** from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 8. This is a free workshop to learn tips about introductory lifting techniques and health benefits of adding weight lifting to your workout routine. It's free for K-State students and Rec members. Sign up in the administrative office by Nov. 7. For more info, call 785-532-6980.

**Manhattan High School** Performing Arts presents the madcap Roaring '20s musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie" at 7 p.m. on Nov. 11, 12, 13 and 15 in Rezac Auditorium on the Manhattan High School West Campus. Adult tickets are \$7 and \$5 for students. Tickets will go on sale after Oct. 29. Call 785-587-2117 for more information.

**The Student Organization for Cultural Studies** Student Film Festival will be at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 20 in K-State Student Union 212. Admission is free. The deadline to submit films in either the "polished film" or "24-hour film challenge" category is Nov. 3. Film submission forms are available at [www.k-state.edu/socs](http://www.k-state.edu/socs) or contact Ashley Ortiz at

**THE BLOTTER** | ARRESTS IN RILEY COUNTY

**TUESDAY**  
**Dwight Allen McClain**, 4440 Tuttle Creek Blvd., No. 33, was arrested at 6:44 p.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license and reckless driving. Bond was set at \$10,000.

**Tyron Steven Mays**, 418 N. Fifth St., was arrested at 8:43 p.m. for criminal use of weapons; prohibited use or possession of simulated controlled substances and drug paraphernalia; and unlawful acts relating to possession of depressants, stimulants or hallucinogenic drugs or other substances. Bond was set at \$3,000.

**Edwin C. Chardon**, 418 N. Fifth St., was arrested at 8:43 p.m. for conspiracy to commit an off-grid felony; unlawfully arranging sales or purchases of controlled substances using a communication facility; unlawful acts relating to sale or distribution of depressants, stimulants or hallucinogenic drugs or other substances. Bond was set at \$1,500.

**Elizabeth Ann Wilkerson**, 418 N. Fifth St., was arrested at 8:43 p.m. for prohibited use or possession of simulated controlled substances and drug paraphernalia and unlawful acts relating to possession of depressants, stimulants or hallucinogenic drugs or other substances. Bond was set at \$1,000.

**Daniel Alberto Jemmott Jr.**, Kansas City, was arrested at 8:43 p.m. for prohibited use or possession of simulated controlled substances and drug paraphernalia and unlawful acts relating to possession of depressants, stimulants or hallucinogenic drugs or other substances. Bond was set at \$7,500.

Kan., was arrested at 8:50 p.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license. Bond was set at \$3,000.

**Jimmy Lee Kearney III**, 1300 Marlatt, No. 703, was arrested at 11:38 p.m. for conspiracy to commit an off-grid felony; unlawfully arranging sales or purchases of controlled substances using a communication facility; unlawful acts relating to certain narcotic drugs; unlawful acts relating to sale or distribution of depressants, stimulants or hallucinogenic drugs or other substances; penalties; acts within 1,000 feet of school property; and prohibited use or possession of simulated controlled substances and drug paraphernalia.

**Jessica Lynn Adams**, 3504 Hudson Circle, was arrested at 12:35 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500.

**Samuel Gary Gatz**, 1516 N. Manhattan Ave., was arrested at 4:20 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$123.

**Jasmine Semone Davis**, Junction City, was arrested at 6:15 p.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$750.

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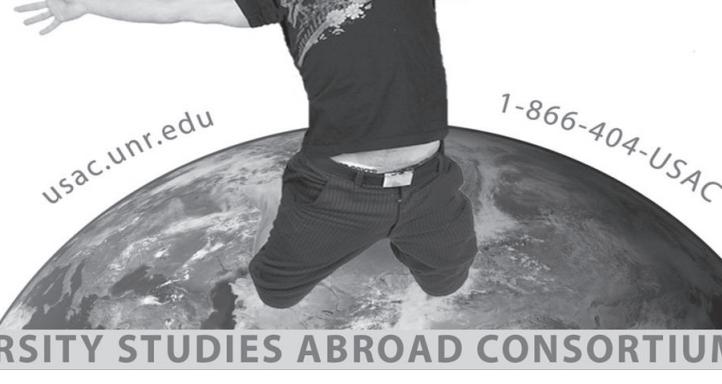
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## Globalization hurts Kenyan agriculture



Kenya native, **Rose Ongutu**, spoke Wednesday at the Holiday Inn about agriculture in Kenya. Her presentation, "Agriculture: A Kenyan Experience," informed the audience about her research and background in the field.

**By Whitney Hodgin**  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Rose Ongutu, assistant greenhouse manager of the horticulture department and native Kenyan, dispelled two misconceptions she said Americans have about Kenya in her presentation "Agriculture: A Kenyan Experience," Wednesday for the Vernon Larson International Luncheon Lecture Series.

First off, Ongutu said Americans should understand that Kenya isn't ready for globalization, and secondly, the most trusted hands in Kenyan agriculture are female.

Ongutu explained that while only eight percent of Kenya's land is arable, 75 percent of the population are small-scale farmers who provide food for the entire country. "Small scale" constitutes five-acres or less.

They produce cash crops like coffee, tea and cotton. Livestock like cattle, sheep, donkeys and camels are exported and consumed, as well as used for transport-

ing everything to market. Kenya is the third largest and fastest growing foreign-exchange earner, despite having fewer resources than its competitors, Ongutu said.

The National Agriculture and Livestock Extension Program, which is monitored by the Ministry of Agriculture, similar to the FDA, wants to empower small-scale farmers who have exhausted their scarce resources and would benefit from direct communication with extension workers.

"If we could improve communication with extension workers and get the best of the land, fewer people would go hungry," Ongutu said. "It's the way out."

Farmers need only a machete and some seeds to establish a crop, but political inefficiencies, environmental issues and limited funding lengthen the deadline for harvest.

Women often stay at home while men search for other sources of income,

leaving unpaid family members with the entire workload. Deforestation is eroding the soil and distrust of men among money lenders prevents loans all farmers rely on. To illustrate this, Ongutu juxtaposed two photos, one of women working in the fields, and one of men collecting their wages.

"It doesn't make a lot of sense if we don't empower the women who take care of the farm," she said.

Ongutu speaks from experience; she received her bachelor's in agriculture at the University of Eastern Africa, earned her master's degree from Cornell University and her doctoral degree from K-State.

Norman Schlesener, a retired extension worker in the audience, has witnessed Ongutu's claim that men have a harder time getting loans than women do.

"In Nicaragua they only loan to the women," Schlesener said. "They have more confidence that the women will pay back the loans. The men may or may not be around."

**Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN**

## Prof., students collaborate on tribute film

**By Emily Aldredge**  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN WRITER

Inspired by the work of David Maybury-Lewis, the late Harvard scholar, two K-State students and their professor made a documentary film telling the story of Lewis' life and his exemplary work with Brazilian Indians.

The film, "Among Xavante Friends: A Tribute to David Maybury-Lewis," was shown at the Pitt-Rivers Museum in Oxford, England, last June, according to a press release.

"It was a special tribute at a conference for anthropologists who are experts in South America," said Harold Prins, K-State professor of anthropology. "Our film was greatly appreciated."

Jessie Stone and Adam Bohannon, both 2008 graduates in anthropology from K-State, greatly contributed to the making of the film, according to Prins.

"This would have been a great project for doctorate students," Prins said, "but to complete it as an undergraduate was an incredible experience."

After taking classes from Prins, Stone and Bohannon spent five weeks traveling to South America. Prins said their adventures in South America allowed them to see everything they only had studied and heard about.

"I spent the summer of 2007 backpacking in Bolivia, Peru and Chile," Bohannon said. "The experience was nothing short of life-changing."

The students created the film one year later.

"I am deeply interested in Latin American issues, especially issues of indigenous rights, culture change and media," Bohannon said. "So when Dr. Prins contacted me to collaborate on this project honoring Maybury-Lewis' life and work among the Xerente and Xavante of Central Brazil, I enthusiastically agreed."

Prins especially appreciated the help Stone and Bohannon were able to offer with the technology involved in making a film. When Maybury-Lewis died in December 2007, Prins said he thought his colleague's work needed to be recognized.

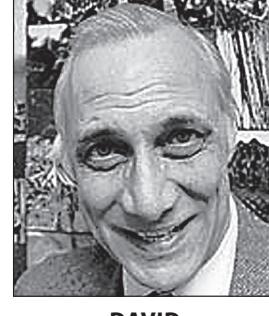
"As an anthropologist who has been working on projects with American Indians, I wanted to make sure his work was not forgotten," Prins said.

Their anthropology degrees from K-State have led Stone and Bohannon in different and interesting directions. Bohannon is working for the Internet company Sun Microsystems as an instructional designer and social media specialist.

Prins said Bohannon was always especially interested in how the media relates to anthropology. Stone lives in Hawaii teaching social studies with Teach for America.

"It was a wonderful collaboration," Prins said.

The film was such a success in Oxford that it will be shown again in late November in San Francisco. The film can be viewed online at [www.cs.org](http://www.cs.org), a Web site created by Maybury-Lewis and his wife.



**DAVID  
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## McCain campaign not telling whole story



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The two major issues facing our country in this election are the economy and foreign policy.

John McCain voted with George Bush 90 percent of the time during Bush's terms. These neoconservative policies have created neither economic prosperity nor successful foreign policy. The Republicans cannot discuss the issues openly, so they resort to slandering Obama's character and lying about his real policy plans.

Vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin intentionally deceives the public by describing this election as "a choice between a politician who wants to raise taxes and redistribute your hard-earned money according to his priorities and a true reformer who wants to lower taxes and create jobs and get the economy back on the right track."

We should begin our economic analysis with a few questions. First, how did our economy get off track? Secondly, who can we trust to bring reform to our economic problems? McCain has admitted, "The issue of economics is not something I've understood as well as I should." Perhaps this explains why he is proposing a budget that is being called

the most irresponsible budget in American history. What it doesn't explain, however, is why McCain championed legislation to delay regulations of savings and loans.

McCain attended two meetings designed to pressure federal regulators into halting or delaying their investigations and prosecutions, and received \$54,000 in campaign contributions from the beneficiary of this political power play, Charlie Keating.

Bill Black, the former deputy director of the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, said "Senate historians were unable to find any instance in U.S. history that was comparable, in terms of five U.S. senators meeting with a regulator on behalf of one institution."

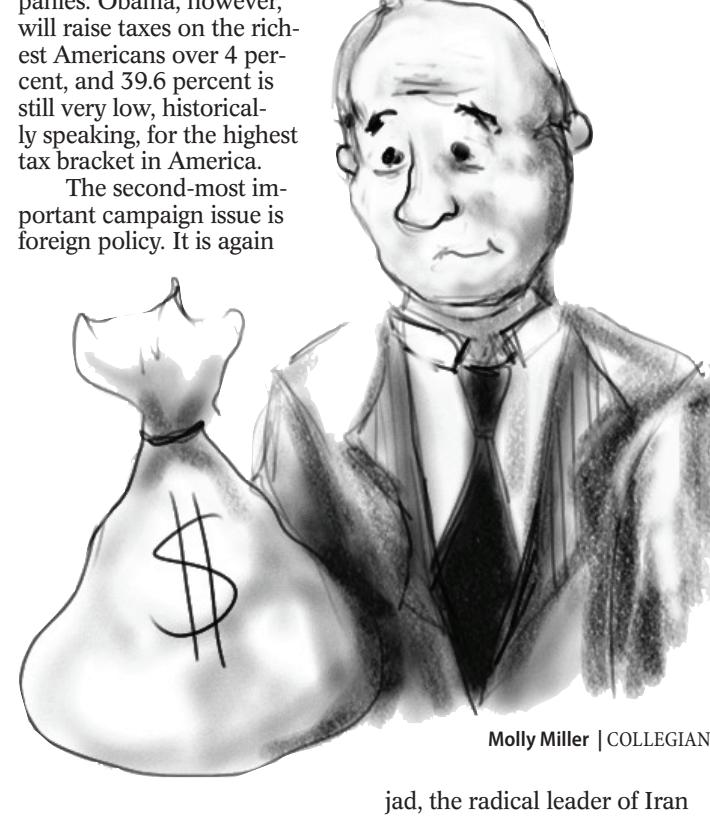
The regulators backed off after McCain's intervention, delaying their investigations.

When the Savings and Loan bottomed out two years later, taxpayers had to pay \$3.4 billion, and many investors lost their entire life savings. This was the hardest direct hit that taxpayers had taken prior to today's mortgage crisis. The Senate Ethics Committee chastised McCain for his "poor judgment," but took no firm actions against him.

The Republicans are lying when they make blanket statements like, "Obama wants to raise taxes." Obama's plan is to lower taxes for 95 percent of Americans, while McCain's plan gives tax breaks mainly to the ultra rich. After a \$700 billion debacle, McCain plans to give away an additional \$300 billion every year to the most wealthy citizens and oil com-

panies. Obama, however, will raise taxes on the richest Americans over 4 percent, and 39.6 percent is still very low, historically speaking, for the highest tax bracket in America.

The second-most important campaign issue is foreign policy. It is again



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clear that McCain cannot be trusted to lead America down a brighter path than the one we are treading down today. He has sold his allegiance to George Bush and the neoconservatives on the most important issues, like torture, shutting down Guantanamo and setting timetables for Iraq withdrawal.

Even the Republican Colin Powell has endorsed Obama as the better candidate to lead our country's foreign policy.

Something that is often overlooked by Republicans and Democrats alike is how our decision in this campaign will affect the power bases of radical and reform leaders around the world. Mahmoud Ahmadine-

jad, the radical leader of Iran who has built his presidency on his antagonistic stance toward the United States, most certainly will lose the next election if Obama is elected.

A win for Obama is a loss for Ahmadinejad because he no longer can use fear of the neoconservatives in the United States as a method to consolidate power in his own country.

When fear is taken out of the equation, economic and social policies are given more weight, and reform leaders gain the advantage.

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## TO THE POINT

## Farmers, ranchers go digital

**TO THE POINT** is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

K-State's Management, Analysis and Strategic Thinking course is unlike most others offered at the university.

The four-month-long online course is available to agricultural producers and agribusiness professionals of all ages and backgrounds from across the United States.

In a field where many would consider tractor maintenance the most technical and difficult aspect, it's great to see K-State emerging as a leader to prove otherwise.

Farmers and ranchers are essentially the backbone of our economy, as they provide the food – and many other products – we need to survive. Something that sounds simple is actually very complex, and knowing K-State offers this course to help these business professionals learn practical solutions to real-world problems.

The course is based on the internationally recognized Master of Agribusiness program and gives these farmers, ranchers and others a chance to build on the knowledge they already have to improve their business strategies.

These professionals need a way to obtain information and learn about new business tools, and this course gives them the opportunity to learn at their own speed on their own schedule.

K-State students and faculty should be proud to attend and work at a university that continues to pave the way for the future of agriculture.

In an age when every aspect of our lives is going digital and high-speed, it's comforting and interesting to find our farmers and ranchers are keeping their businesses right up with the rest of the world.

## Chivalry not dead, just hiding in modern society



SHANE ORAM

In past years, gender roles were defined clearly in almost every society. Now, in the face of constant change, it seems chivalry has been cast away to conform to female independence and male laziness.

Our parents' generations – and the ones before them – were bound to simple standards on how men and women should act. This system

seemed to be ideal for many years.

Men were known as the "breadwinners" in families, serving as the masculine head of their wife and children, and they were the primary authority in the household.

Along with this status, they were socially required to be cordial to women. This was commonly expressed through opening doors, lending a coat or jacket and always walking a girl home so she would not be out by herself.

Women were expected to take care of the house and children. Cooking, cleaning and childcare were what past generations deemed the "norms." They were stereotyped as having

unfailing devotion to their husbands. These "ideal women" had unwavering support for their progeny, and they felt the need for protection by a man.

As years went by and times changed, so did the ideology of the masses. An absolute definition of what society expects and requires for either male or female just cannot be found. However, basic interpretations have been shifted far from what our ancestors have expressed them as.

As technology ad-

vances and many men get trapped by video games and the Internet, words like "slacker" are being thrown around to describe the increasing lack of motivation this gender might demonstrate. In this generation, men are having a hard time steering through adulthood especially in the areas of friendship, drinking, sex and the future.

Slacking has led to much less than the noble acts of chivalry that were present in the past. Our fast-paced, technological world has allowed some men to skip out on their duties of celebrating and catering to women.

However, on the other side of the spectrum, some women have not made it easy for men to be chivalrous. In this shift in role definition, women have become more independent, branching out of the house into more traditionally masculine roles.

No longer do they need a man to support them financially, socially or sometimes emotionally. A recent USA Today article stated, "The 'alpha girl' doesn't need Mr. Alpha to sweep her off her feet and buy her a condo in town; she has enough money to do that herself." What women really want is a beta male who is willing to take the supporting role, and let his partner shine.

While it is amazing that women have worked so hard to overcome the obstacles that were put be-

fore them, many of these "new age women" see it as disrespectful when men make attempts at certain types of politeness. Opening doors and pulling out chairs drastically went from well-mannered to belittling and sometimes even rude.

Some stake the claim that chivalry is dead. To this, I must disagree. However, I believe it is in hiding. Because of recent ridicule, it has become rather timid, only exposing itself once it is comfortable and sure of no retaliation or ill feelings.

Men, I encourage you to remain chivalrous and courteous in all situations. As the world changes, a man's character should be the rock that remains constant. Open doors and offer to drive – she just might think it's pretty nice of you.

Some women might look down on this behavior, but there are many more who will appreciate it.

I am not saying women are not capable of these tasks, but men can be gracious and appreciative enough to do them for them.

Chivalrous actions are based on love and kindness – not some hidden agenda to undermine women. I hope women can accept and enjoy these fruitful displays of honor and respect and not give in to radical schemes and misconstrued propaganda.

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I think my Marketing 400 class should have a mixer.

The sorority girls by Kedzie are like cattle, and if I had a cattle prod, I would use it.

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If I ever do anything crazy on this campus, it will be for the sole pur-

pose of getting into the Fourum.

Hey, Beijing guy: if you've got chicken legs, you probably shouldn't wear skin tight pants.

To the people who put the traffic cone in the spork: impressive.

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Does anyone else find it hilarious

that all the greek jackets don't have hoods?

I don't think it's cool to make fun of gay people, because I'm friends with a couple frat guys and a couple KU people.

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# K-State to offer management class to help farmers, ranchers

By Amanda Moerlien  
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For the sixth year, K-State is offering people involved in agribusiness across the U.S. an opportunity to improve their business skills with a four-month online program.

The class — Management, Analysis and Strategic Thinking — offers practical resources to real-world problems, said Alicia Goheen, MAST coordinator. It was based on the internationally recognized Master of Agribusiness program. Agricultural producers were looking for a way to obtain information and decision tools that were accessible according to their schedule and location. This led to the creation of MAST.

"MAST participants are a diverse group of agricultural producers and agribusiness professionals," Goheen said. "We've had folks involved with three years of farming experience to more than 40 years, landowners who want to learn more about running a business to bankers interested in how to better connect with their clients."

The deadline to enroll for the

program is Oct. 31. The class will meet for an orientation Nov. 11-12 to introduce the class and learn the online technology that makes the program successful. They will meet again when the program ends Feb. 9-10 with a wrap-up session and graduation.

"MAST covers a wide range of topics including land ownership and leasing, machinery ownership and leasing, financial analysis, human resource management, tax management, risk management and marketing," Goheen said.

The program initially was targeted toward people in the 35-50 age group because they were expected to get the most out of the program and be able to apply the new knowledge for many years to come, said Kevin Dhuyvetter, MAST professor. However, they've had a broad range of participants, from students straight out of college to retired landowners.

"In hindsight, this mix of students has been a big plus for the course because of the wide diversity of attitudes, skills and experiences that people can share with each other," Dhuyvetter said.

Dhuyvetter said the overall goal of the class is to help partic-

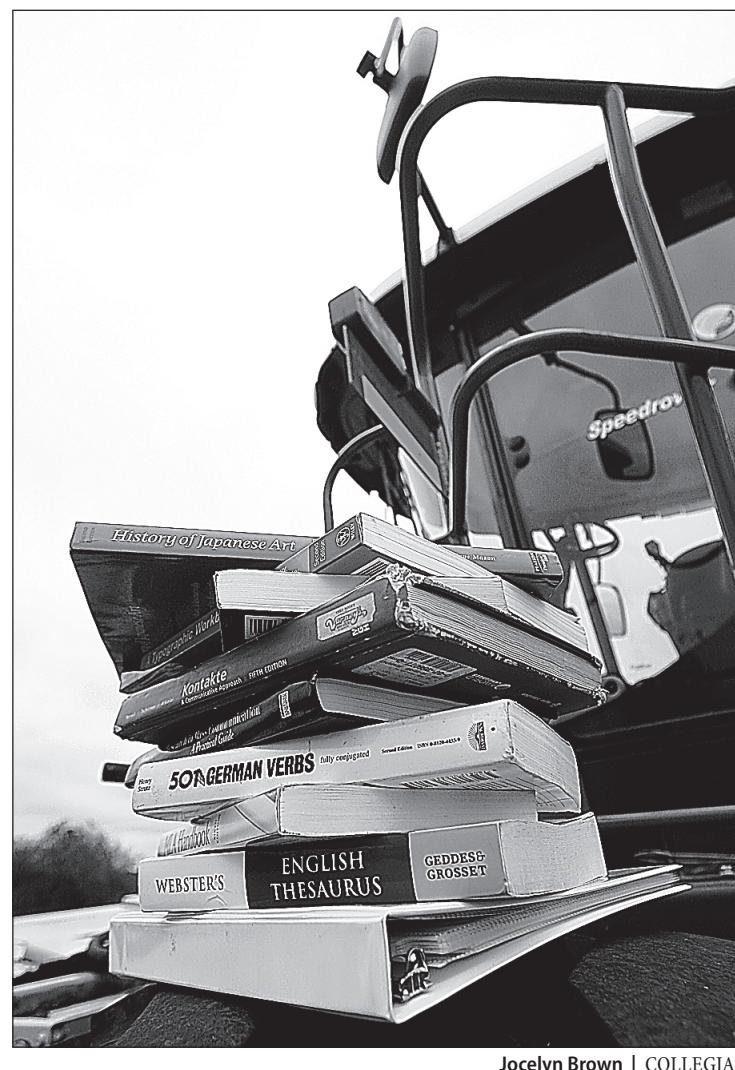
ipants become better managers by challenging them to ask questions and identify relevant issues facing their businesses, as well as by exposing them to decision-making tools they can use in their businesses.

So far, the program has proven successful, as participants have seen a real change in their businesses.

"As a business owner, it's hard to find the time to research new techniques and apply them. With the online availability of this course, I think it would allow many owners and managers to improve their business," said Dan Stegall Construction in Parsons, Kan.

For additional information on the MAST Program at K-State, visit [www.agmanager.info/MAST](http://www.agmanager.info/MAST) or contact Alicia Goheen at 785-532-4434.

"MAST would be a great capstone course for students leaving with their bachelor's or master's degree," Goheen said. "We take the theoretical information they've learned during their degree work and apply it in practical ways to solve problems and improve their businesses."



Jocelyn Brown | COLLEGIAN  
The class Management, Analysis and Strategic Thinking offers participants ways to improve their business.

## Pooch play



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**Andrew Eswein**, senior in marketing, plays fetch with his yellow lab, Tucker, Wednesday afternoon in the quad. Eswein found Tucker last 4th of July weekend and spends as much time with him as he can.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# CIA Analyst, Forum audience wrong to dismiss KSU professor

Dear Editor,

I was interested in the Collegian coverage of Professor Mohaned Al-Hamdi's comments at the presentation by former CIA analyst Ray McGovern.

I do not know Professor Al-Hamdi, nor was I present at the "debate." But I would expect that the experiences of someone who was tortured and imprisoned under the Saddam Hussein regime would be of special interest to an audience that ostensibly aims to promote peace and justice.

That appears not to be the case, since he was summarily ordered to sit down and shut up. He was portrayed in the Collegian article as "yelling from across the room." Did he have a microphone available to him — or is this a way to depict

him as some kind of radical?

Perhaps he should have been invited onto the stage to allow for a real debate. No. As the reporter points out, "the audience [with the exception of Al-Hamdi] appeared very receptive to McGovern's lecture, as many stayed well after the conclusion of his speech to ask questions and share stories with the speaker."

With the advantage of hindsight, McGovern seems to conclude that the "people who suffered as a result of the injustice [in Iraq]" were not numerous enough to justify their emancipation by us.

He argues, "... since we invaded, there are many more people that have lost their heritage." Using his mathematical test, a war to liberate a captive people never could be jus-

tified.

McGovern is reported to consider our sacrifices in Iraq as a war of aggression and a war crime, notwithstanding the U.N. resolutions authorizing the effort and Saddam Hussein's violations of the treaty that ended the first Gulf War. This reflects his obvious bias. Too bad there were not more Al-Hamdis there to refute this kind of garbage.

At one time, it was said in our country, "Give me liberty or give me death." We are in sad shape if we have reached the point where we are more ready to listen to demagogues than to genuine heroes who have survived and are willing to speak out.

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# Redshirt no more



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Wide receiver **Attrail Snipes** runs for a first down after a fake punt last weekend against Colorado. It was Snipes' second game played as a Wildcat after coach Ron Prince originally decided to redshirt him for the season.

## Snipes making most of opportunity on the field

By Cole Manbeck  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

From moving 39 times to living by himself at 15, Attrail Snipes has seen plenty of ups and downs off the field.

His mom was diagnosed with diabetes while he was young. When she and the rest of the family moved back to California, Snipes decided to remain in Seattle. It gave him the best opportunity in life, he said.

Since arriving at K-State, he also has seen the ups and downs on the field.

Coach Ron Prince said after the first game of the season that he was planning to redshirt Snipes. However, it wasn't an idea Snipes was particularly fond of.

"Not right away," Snipes said. "But after a few games I just had to deal with it."

He stood on the sideline, watching his teammates perform. He could often be seen standing by himself on one of the team benches watching the game — waiting, hoping he might get in.

Through the first six games, he wasn't used. It appeared the redshirt would stay on Snipes to preserve his eligibility.

Snipes said he didn't think there was much of a gap between him and the other receivers and that he could have gotten on the field earlier.

"I have been working hard to get out there, so it was really up to the coaches," he said. "They asked me if I was ready, and I said yeah."

Against Texas A&M, his redshirt was burned for one play — a gunner on the punt team.

The decision to get rid of the redshirt was questioned by many. But Snipes is showing why the coaching staff elected to burn the redshirt.

Against Colorado, Snipes displayed his electrifying speed on a fake punt that went for 27 yards.

"I wasn't sure if they were going to call it right away," he said. "I just knew I had to get the first down."

Snipes also experienced the hardships of college football when he was flagged for a personal foul when he hit a Colorado punt returner before the ball came down. The play had Buffalo coach Dan Hawkins screaming for him to be thrown out and the Colorado faithful throwing objects on the field.

Prince explained after the game that Snipes thought Josh Smith had caught the ball.

He has lived a life on and off the field that endears him to his teammates.

"He is a very cool person," said Brandon Banks, who was teammates with Snipes at Bakerfield Community College before they came to K-State. "He's probably one of the funniest people that I have ever known."

"He doesn't tell too many people about his situation. Only people he gets comfortable around, and I had to force it out of him myself."

Nevertheless, Snipes is expected to make the most of the opportunity presented to him for the rest of the season and continue to do what he does best — make plays.

## Wildcat volleyball squad upset by Cyclones in Ames

By Justin Nutter  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Several times this season, the Wildcat volleyball team has been pushed to the limit by an under-matched opponent.

K-State had matches extended to five games against both Kansas and Oklahoma, and the Wildcats engaged in seesaw battles with Baylor and Missouri. Each time, K-State was able to come out on top.

The No. 13 Wildcats (17-4, 7-3 Big 12 Conference) were again faced with a challenge Wednesday night by Iowa State (13-8, 5-5), but this time, they couldn't recover. They were upset in a 2-3 loss to the Cyclones in Ames, Iowa. K-State fell by scores of 25-20, 14-25, 25-13, 21-25 and 8-15.

The majority of the match's opening game was a back-and-forth battle until the Wildcats — trailing 20-21 — used a 5-0 run to secure the win. The second game, however, belonged to Iowa State. After scoring the game's first point, the Wildcats never led again, as the Cyclones used a series of short runs to bury K-State, 25-14.

With the match tied, 1-1, K-State regained the momentum in the third game. The Wildcats jumped out to an 8-3 lead — sparked by three kills from junior middle blocker Kelsey Chipman — to take the lead for good. Iowa State didn't score more than three consecutive points again as K-State coasted to the win and a 2-1 lead.

It appeared the Wildcats had the momentum to finish off the Cyclones, but Iowa State was able

to respond in the fourth set with a 25-21 win, highlighted by a 14-4 run midway through the game. K-State held a slim lead early but wasn't able to fend off the late charge. Iowa State used the momentum from the fourth game to finish off the Wildcats in the finale, and they coasted to a 15-8 win in the fifth game.

Despite the loss, K-State again received strong performances from senior outside hitters Rita Liliom and Nataly Korobkova, who tallied 20 and 16 kills, respectively. Chipman also added 10 for the Wildcats. Iowa State was led by Victoria Henson, Rachel Hockaday and Jen Malcolm, who had 16, 15 and 13 kills on the night.

K-State will continue conference play when they take on Baylor in Waco, Texas, on Saturday. First serve is set for 7 p.m.



Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN  
Senior **Megan Farr** goes up for a hit in a previous match this season. The Wildcats lost in five sets to the Iowa State Cyclones at Ames, Iowa.

## Men's basketball student season tickets on sale

K-State student men's basketball season tickets are available for purchase online at [www.k-stateports.com](http://www.k-stateports.com).

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Students can purchase basketball-only season tickets for \$160, while they can still purchase the

football/men's basketball combo season ticket package (which includes the last three home games against Oklahoma, Nebraska and Iowa State) for \$265.

The men's basketball team begins play Nov. 9 with an exhibition against Washburn. The regular-season opener is Nov. 14 against Florida A&M.

Student general admission seating in Bramlage Coliseum is located in Sections 19 through 25. Reserved seating for students is located in Section 18, rows 11 and above.

— K-State Sports Information

## Phillies claim first game of Series

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. -- Cole Hamels, Chase Utley and the rest of the Philadelphia Phillies shook off a week's worth of waiting and turned it into a World Series win.

Hamels escaped trouble to win his fourth postseason start, Utley hit a two-run homer in the first inning and the Phillies beat the Tampa Bay Rays 3-2 in the opener Wednesday night.

The worst-to-first Rays flopped in their first game in baseball's ultimate event, managing just five hits. The Phillies showed little evi-

dence of rust. They'll try to make it two in a row at Tropicana Field when Brett Myers pitches against James Shields in Game 2 Thursday night.

The team that won the opener has won the Series 63 of 103 times, including 10 of the last 11. But the team with home-field advantage has won 18 of the last 22 titles.

The next game will take place at 7 p.m. Central time zone tonight at Tampa Bay, then the series will move to Philadelphia.

— Associated Press

**Big hits popular, but also ruining football**



JOEL JELLISON

Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Anquan Boldin laid on the ground, cleaned out by New York Jets cornerback Eric Smith on a potential touchdown catch.

Boldin was motionless after the hit, lying in a sort of locked state in the same motion he was when his head slammed into the ground. Helmet or not, it was apparent Boldin was unconscious and suffering from a head injury.

The receiver was taken off the field on a stretcher, his football career in doubt, his quarterback Kurt Warner so shocked by the scene he was considering retirement.

Weeks later, Boldin is fine and spoke with reporters earlier this week about the injury. He came away from the hit with a concussion and had to have his jaw reset with wires.

Smith was handed a fine by the NFL.

The big hit is fast becoming a part of the culture of the NFL. In fact, it's become such a staple of the league, it's not uncommon to see a defender completely miss a tackle because he's going for the highlight hit.

It's not just on the defensive side of the ball, either. This past weekend Hines Ward laid out Cincinnati Bengals rookie Keith Rivers. The Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver insisted the hit was a clean block to the upper body, and the unsuspecting Rivers — who was unaware of the coming hit — was left with a broken jaw that also needed to be reset.

While the vicious hits have become a fan favorite of the league, they also have spread to the college and high school ranks, where the hits have become bigger and stronger. Still, tackles are often missed because of it.

You can see it in replays of games; defensive players lining up for a big shot only to have a ball carrier zip past them with the ball. But when do the fundamentals of tackling become bigger than the highlight reel? When does winning become more important than making a name for yourself?

Every year, players in the professional and college ranks make their names known for the bone-crushing hits they unleash on their opponents. While it's fun to watch these hits, the organizations are still worried about player health.

The NFL might not be doing a good job with its fine system. Sure they fine players for dangerous helmet-to-helmet shots, but they don't seem to be discouraging it. They've said referees will flag the hits, but it rarely happens even on obvious head shots.

Until these leagues take a bigger initiative in cleaning up the game, the hits will keep on coming and so will the light fines that come with them.

Of course the hits are fun to watch and rarely do they result in any serious injuries, but the game is losing something. Teams are losing games because players have forgotten what it means to tackle.

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# Takes the heat

## Manhattan crafter turns dichroic glass into jewelry and artwork

By Jennifer Helm  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

At first, the thought of working with glass at a sizzling 1,500 degrees scared Paula Daniels. That fear, however, couldn't overpower her curiosity.

Daniels, Manhattan resident, said she first saw dichroic glass at a craft show. This form of glass, often seen in jewelry, has characteristics that set it apart.

Because of a complex multi-coating process, dichroic glass looks like different colors depending on how the light hits it. Wanting to learn more, Daniels started taking classes in Topeka and Kansas City, Kan., as well as experimenting with the art form.

Three years ago, she used her knowledge – along with about \$1,000 – to start a small jewelry business called Beading Around.

Daniels started making small seed beads, but moved to necklace pendants, earrings, hairpins, night-lights, melted glass bottles and more. She sold her first creations in a show at the Manhattan pumpkin patch.

"I was just thinking, 'I've invested all this, am I going to make it?'" Daniels said.

It was a success and Beading Around has been growing ever since. Always up for a challenge, Daniels said she even fills her customers' special orders.

"I get a lot of ideas from people asking, 'Could you do this?'" she said.

Often, these one-of-a-kind pieces have a special meaning beneath the layers of shaped glass. Daniels'



Photos by Matt Castro | COLLEGIAN

**Paula Daniels**, local artist, makes jewelry of dichroic glass. Dichroic glass produces different colors depending on how the light hits it and has certain characteristics that distinguish it from regular jewelry.

creations have been used to remember a special trip, celebrate freedom from cancer and have been sent overseas to Iran.

She said she likes to brag that Beading Around is now international. Her artwork can also represent hope, as she often donates to silent auctions and for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

With a variety of pieces, all of Daniels' customers seem to have a favorite. Christa Bowman, junior in interior architecture, said that the flattened wine bottles were her favorite dichroic glass piece at the Fifth and Humboldt streets farmer's market.

Phyllis Schanline, Manhattan resident and frequent Beading Around customer, said, "It's nice to have a piece that you know will match your outfit, but the creative ones are the ones that I enjoy the most – they're eye-catchers."

Daniels said operating a small business isn't always easy. She remembers a show at which the people set up in the booth next to her and started pulling out boxes filled with jewelry labeled "Made in China." They were selling

it cheap, and they were doing well.

"It just killed me," Daniels said.

Money, however, is not what Daniels said is most important to her.

"I can't make a living doing it, but I enjoy it. It's good therapy," she said.

Daniels also said she has many aspirations for the future of her business. She has started making stained-glass window scenes and drawer pulls, and said she someday hopes to decorate a jukebox with dichroic glass.

Daniels also plans to make custom inlays and Chevy emblems for the old truck her husband is refurbishing.

"I have a lot of ideas, just not enough time," she said.

Those extra degrees don't seem to bother Daniels anymore now that she's learned to harness the heat to create one-of-a-kind works of art.

Because she knows what it's like to be afraid to try something new, Daniels said the best advice for beginning crafters is if they want to do something, just go for it.



Dichroic glass has to be baked in a kiln at 1500 degrees Fahrenheit. Daniels started making jewelry out of curiosity and now has her own business.

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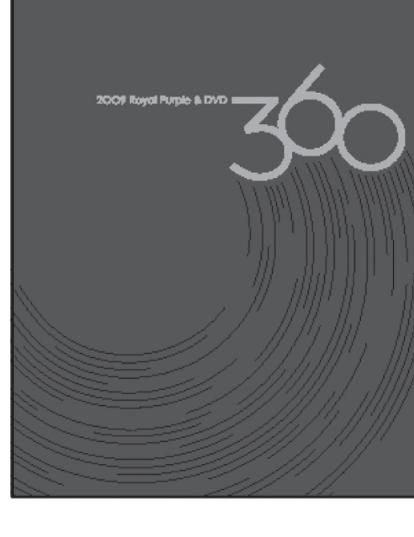
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I am terrible at cracking jokes. When I try to be funny, only the crickets respond. I'm not so great at telling funny stories either. Those usually end with a resigned, "It was funny – you just had to be there."

To make people laugh, I usually just resort to corny puns and silly faces. But don't think I don't have a sense of humor; it's just that few people other than my sister truly appreciate it.

And I love to laugh, whether at someone else's jokes, a movie or my own misfortune. I think it's safe to say everyone loves to laugh, and with good reason, because there are many proven benefits to having humor and laughter in your life.

Laughter can reduce stress, improve relationships and even boost your immune system, according to [psychologytoday.com](http://psychologytoday.com). People who seek humor in their life reduce their levels of cortisol – the stress hormone – and increase endorphins, which are feel-good hormones.

People who frequently laugh can increase their levels of antibody-producing cells, which help fight off sickness. These people are happier, more energetic and have a positive outlook on life. Not to mention great abs.

Science has shown that couples and friends who laugh together have much healthier relationships and enjoy being with each other. The correlation is even stronger when they produce their own laughter rather than laughing together at a movie or comedian. It doesn't matter whether you are the jokester or the listener; laughter brings people together, puts them at ease and creates a fun, addicting atmosphere.

So just how do you go about creating comedy in your life? Instead of trying – and sometimes failing – to be funny, learn to find humor in everyday events.

If something is frustrating or downright ridiculous, don't get down. Laugh it off and tell your friends.

Or let's say something embarrassing happens to you, like the time I wore pants to the Peters Recreational Complex. I went to take them off, and down came my shorts as well. But I didn't realize it right away. I had to start stepping out of them before I recognized my shorts were around my ankles, not just my pants, letting everyone in the whole place get a peek at my undies. Red in the face, I wanted to march right out of there and forget about my workout, but instead, my friend Anne and I laughed about it for a few minutes, and I felt much better.

Living your life with a lighthearted attitude and finding humor in frustrating events can give you greater satisfaction and improve your sense of well-being. You'll learn to take obstacles as they come and find more enjoyment in everything you do.

In short, laughter really is the best medicine.

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## Snap, Crackle, Pop



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## Joint-popping myth not always true; could still lead to health issues

By Eden Lehr  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Everyone has those little habits – the ones that make stressful days more relaxing and uncomfortable situations more bearable. Whether it's nail biting or hair twirling, humans find ways to turn somewhat silly behaviors into routines and lifestyles and joint popping is no exception.

Dr. David Smith, board certified in Sports Medicine and Family Practice and staff member at Lafene Health Center, said when a knuckle pops or a back cracks, it is possible that there is pressure within the joint capsule, the joint capsule is stretching or a tendon is snapping over a joint.

The popping noise also can be characterized by this tendon movement or stretching, as well as a release of small bubbles within the synovial joint fluid from an increase in pressure.

There are many rumors about the side effects of the habit: popping your knuck-

les will make your fingers fat, or popping your back means there are vertebrae discs out of place.

Though popping them might make joints feel better, there is no research or findings that can support either pros or cons of habitual joint popping, Smith said. However, if the popping is painful, it is most likely not a good sign.

"[If you have] painful and/or swollen, noisy joints, it needs evaluation by a health care provider," he said.

While some people crack their back, others just pop their fingers or neck and some even pop their knees, toes or elbow joints. There are those who seem to find relief in popping all of the above and more. So why do people do it?

Kim Ahlvers, accounting specialist in the K-State Office of Admissions, said she pops her joints because it is a habit she has had all her life.

"I pop my neck, my knuckles and my knees all the time," she said. "[Popping knuckles] relieves pressure and it just makes me feel good."

There are many reasons why people pop, and each diagnosis is different for each individual. It can be an addiction, a stress reliever or simply a subconscious tendency.

Shannon Clauss, senior in Spanish, said it is difficult for her to avoid popping her knuckles and it is even required for her everyday comfort.

"It's a relief from the bloating feeling ... like there's something not working right until you pop it," Clauss said. "It hurts if I don't [pop my knuckles]."

Dr. Thad Schneider, chiropractor at the Chiropractic Family Health Center in Manhattan said if someone is continually popping a joint in their body, it is usually evidence of an underlying issue with that particular joint – an issue that can possibly lead to more serious joint problems, like osteoarthritis.

"If it is not taken care of, it will ultimately result in damage to that joint," Schneider said. "The body has an incredible ability to tell you something is wrong, and that is what it is doing."

## MUSIC REVIEW

## Michaelson's album trumps over-produced pop music, includes cover that's sure to please Kansans

**"Be OK" by**  
**Ingrid Michaelson**  
★★★★★  
Music review by Steven Miller

You might have heard her music on the hit TV show "Grey's Anatomy" ("Keep Breathing") or in what I like to refer to as the best Old Navy commercial ever ("The Way I Am"). However, if you're interested in checking out the songstress behind the media snippets, Ingrid Michaelson is starting out on her "Be OK" tour, and some of the proceeds from the shows will go directly to the "Stand Up to Cancer" program.

In an age of reverberated vocals, layered instrumental tracks and repetitive, meaningless lyrics, it restores my fledgling faith in humanity to see Ingrid Michaelson has released a new album, "Be OK." It gives me even more hope to see that it's selling.

Ingrid joins a category of artists that includes Regina Spektor, Devendra Banhart and harpist Joanna Newsome, who realize music is still allowed to be beautiful. Unfortunately, this isn't a popular opinion today. These artists play for small but ever-growing fan bases comprised of those who prefer euphony and meaning to the over-produced harsh trash that often litters the Top 40s stations.

Opening with the title song "Be OK," Michaelson's new album starts with an upbeat melody,

complete with calypso-style guitar, finger snaps and fun lyrics, "I just want to be OK, be OK, be OK today," mimicking elements of better pop songs. Then she moves with ease to more poignant observations: "Open me up and you will see/ I am a gallery of broken hearts."

The album switches gears quickly with "Giving Up," a solemn love song about dangerous possibilities. "What if our baby comes in after nine?/ What if your eyes close before mine?" she asks, breaking your heart.

Through her lyrics, she resigns herself to the fate of her love. "I am giving up on half-empty glasses/I am giving up on greener grasses ... I am giving up for you." She is giving up looking for someone better to love, because she has the best love, even if there's still uncertainty – or perhaps because there is uncertainty.

Any good Kansan boy or girl will enjoy her next song, a cover of "Over the Rainbow," which is subtly and tastefully done. Other notable songs include, "Lady in Spain," a triumph of the soul with lines like "I can do anything my heart tells me to do," and "You and I," a romp through imagination:

"Oh, let's get rich and buy our parents homes/in the south of France/ let's get rich and give everyone nice sweaters/and teach them how to dance."

Perhaps the most uplifting and beautiful song of this collection is "The Way I Am," which is tucked inconspicuously in the middle of



the album. It is a true love song, tender, silly and not concerned with self in the least.

I genuinely feared the state of love songs after the emo performers had their way with the genre. But I am relieved to report again Ingrid revives what has been distorted: "If you were falling/then I would catch you/if you need a light/I'd find a match/cause I love – the way you say 'Good morning'/and you – take me the way I am."

"Be OK" is a light in the fog,

a self-produced work of art that doesn't dilute itself, a message that isn't afraid to come to the audience the way it is. It might be a short album, but

I would put it up against anything – everything – that has come out this year.

To watch the music video of "Giving up," check out [www.kstatecollegian.com](http://www.kstatecollegian.com).



## DANCE | WRL to air at 7 tonight

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and business, said all the performers were unbelievably talented.

"The 'Hard Rock K-State' theme made WRL that much better," she said. "You could tell the dancers were able to have a lot of fun."

Wildcat Request Live will be broadcast at 7 p.m. Sunday on K-State TV, cable channel eight. DVDs of the dance competition can be purchased at [www.k-state.tv](http://www.k-state.tv).

Finalists for the student ambassador position came to the event to introduce themselves. Students can vote for them online today from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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WASHINGTON (AP) - The presidential race tightened after the final debate, with John McCain gaining among whites and people earning less than \$50,000, according to an Associated Press-GfK poll that shows McCain and Barack Obama essentially running even among likely voters in the election homestretch.

The poll, which found Obama at 44 percent and McCain at 43 percent, supports what some Republicans and Democrats privately have said in recent days: that the race narrowed after the third debate as GOP-leaning voters drifted home to their party and McCain's "Joe the plumber" analogy struck a chord.

Three weeks ago, an AP-GfK survey found that Obama had surged to a seven-point lead over McCain, lifted by voters who thought the Democrat was better suited to lead the nation through its sudden economic crisis.

The contest is still volatile, and the split among voters is apparent less than two

weeks before Election Day.

"I trust McCain more, and I do feel that he has more experience in government than Obama. I don't think Obama has been around long enough," said Angela Decker, 44, of La Porte, Ind.

But Karen Judd, 58, of Middleton, Wis., said, "Obama certainly has sufficient qualifications." She said any positive feelings about McCain evaporated with "the outright lying" in TV ads and his choice of running mate Sarah Palin, who "doesn't have the correct skills."

The new AP-GfK head-to-head result is a departure from some, but not all, recent national polls.

Obama and McCain were essentially tied among likely voters in the latest George Washington University Battleground Poll, conducted by Republican strategist Ed Goesch and Democratic pollster Celinda Lake. In other surveys focusing on likely voters, a Washington Post-ABC News poll and a Wall Street Journal-NBC News survey have Obama up by 11 points, and a poll

by the nonpartisan Pew Research Center has him leading by 14.

Polls are snapshots of highly fluid campaigns. In this case, there is a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points; that means Obama could be ahead by as many as 8 points or down by as many as 6. There are many reasons why polls differ, including methods of estimating likely voters and the wording of questions.

Charles Franklin, a University of Wisconsin political science professor and polling authority, said variation between polls occurs, in part, because pollsters interview random samples of people.

"If they all agree, somebody would be doing something terribly wrong," he said of polls. But he also said that surveys generally fall within a few points of each other, adding, "When you get much beyond that, there's something to explain."

The AP-GfK survey included interviews with a nationally representative random sample totaling 1,101 adults, including 800 deemed likely to vote. For the entire

sample, the survey showed Obama ahead 47 percent to 37 percent. He was up by five points among all registered voters, including the likely voters.

A significant number of the interviews were conducted by dialing a randomly selected sample of cell phone numbers, and thus this poll had a chance to reach voters who were excluded from some other polls.

It was taken over five days from Thursday through Monday, starting the night after the candidates' final debate and ending the day after former Secretary of State Colin Powell broke with the Republican Party to endorse Obama.

McCain's strong showing is partly attributable to his strong debate performance; Thursday was his best night of the survey. Obama's best night was Sunday, hours after the Powell announcement, and the full impact of that endorsement may not have been captured in any surveys yet. Future polling could show whether either of those was merely a support "bounce" or something more lasting.

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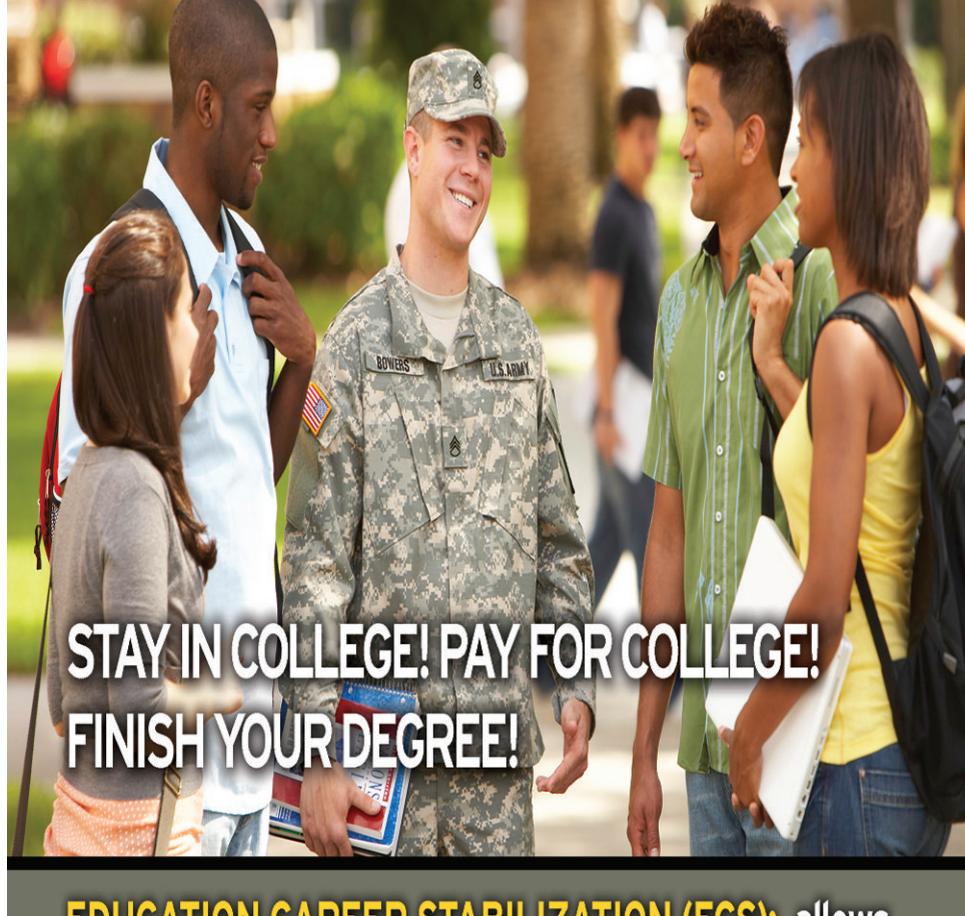


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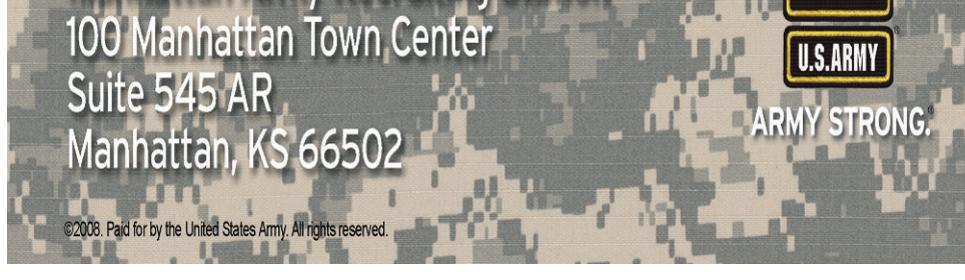
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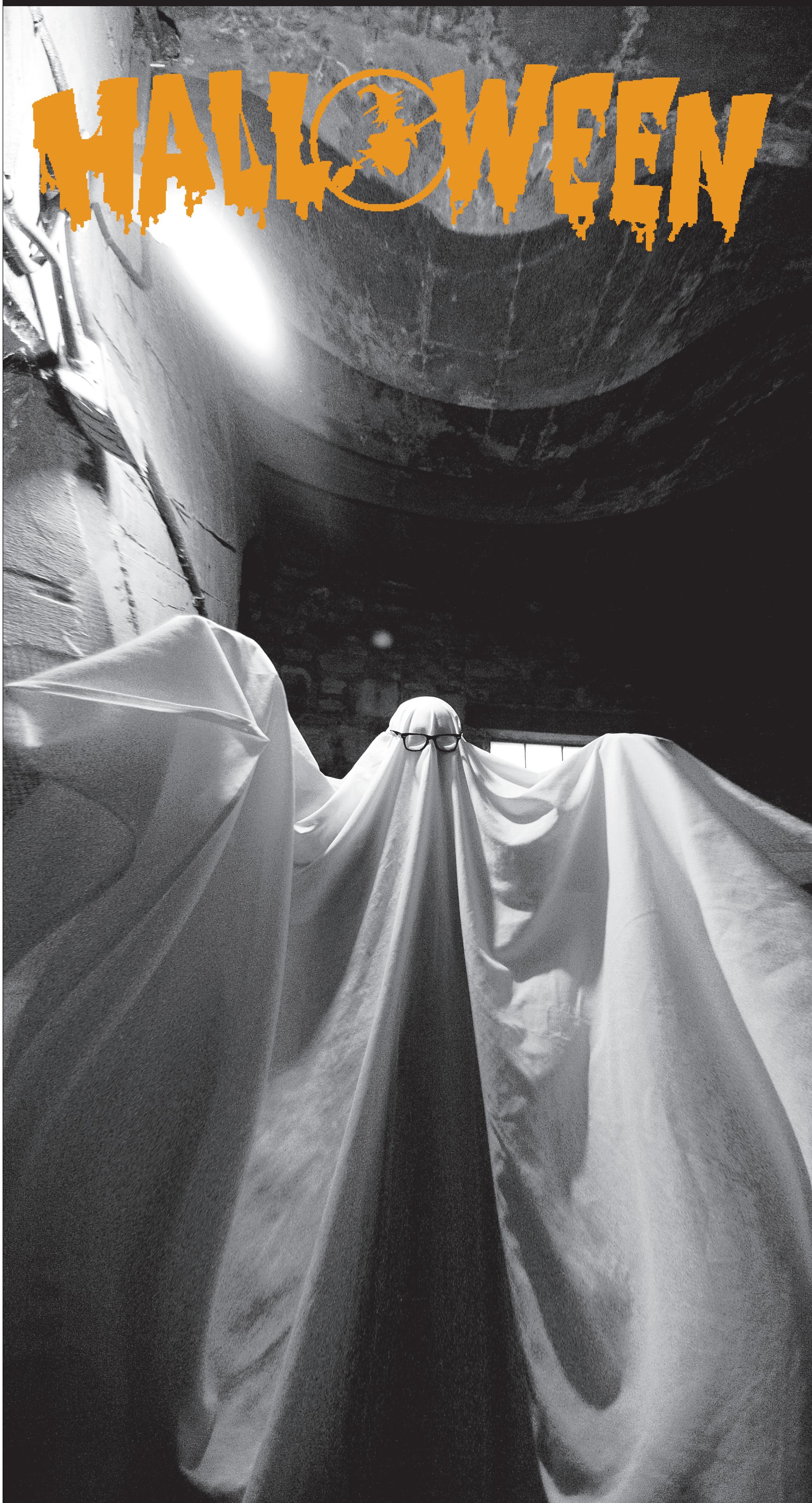


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Jack-O-Lanterns started in the United Kingdom hundreds of years ago. The townspeople would carve gourds and put candles in them to ward off the evil spirits they believed roamed the Earth during the night.

## Halloween: a history of the holiday

For many, Halloween is an excuse to dress up, eat a lot of candy and throw costumes parties. But when did it start? Who started it and when did we start carving pumpkins to look spooky?

The origins of Halloween date back 2,000 years to the Celtic festival of Samhain. The Celts celebrated their new year on November 1st and the day before, marked the end of the summer and the harvest.

The culture believed that on the night before the new year, the boundaries between their 2 worlds opened and allied the ghosts of the dead to return to Earth.

The Celts believed these ghosts helped their priests, or Druids, to better predict the future. These prophecies were important to the Celts who were dependent on the fickle Earth for everything.

Large fires were built by the druids to commemorate the event and villagers gathered around the flames to sacrifice animals and crops to their gods.

This is where the costumes come into play.

The villagers would wear animal heads and skins and take turns trying to tell each others' fortunes. They danced and sang around fires until they went out and rekindled the flames.

Around 43 A.D., the Roman empire had taken over much of the Celts' land and incorporated their own festivals into Samhain.

The Romans already had a festival around this time to remember the passing of their dead and to honor Pomona, the goddess of fruit and trees. It is believed this is where bobbing for apples was introduced.

In the 800s Christians got their hands on the holiday and began introducing their own elements. Pope Boniface IV declared Nov. 1 as All Saints Day. The holiday continues to evolve into the holiday we know today. Complete with costumes, haunted houses and trick-or-treating, the holiday is loved by millions of Americans.

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The Celts would build large fires to keep them warm throughout the rest of the winter.



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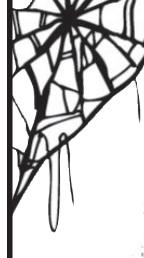
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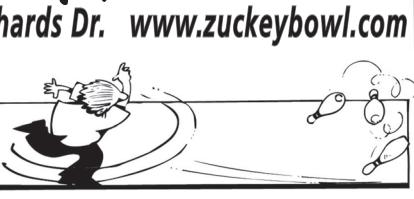
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# Local businesses, personal closets offer numerous potential costume ideas for those on tight budget

By Kellen Whaley  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Finding the perfect Halloween costume is a necessary and important task. It's not only a way to play a part for a night, but it also gives Halloween enthusiasts a chance to express themselves in a way they don't always get to — at least not for the other 364 days out of the year.

Deciding on an outfit that suits your personality can sometimes prove to be a challenge. But, if done right, it will pay off.

Rockstar & Rogers, located on 12th Street in Aggierville, has many different costumes to choose from.

"We have a lot of costumes to sell and over 300 rental costumes," said store owner Rebecca Craig. "Most of the costumes are \$20-\$30. Rentals are just for one day, but you can reserve them now and pay the rental fee, so on the day you need it you can come in and pick it up. And when you're done with it, just bring it back; no need to wash."

Craig and co-owner Rebecca Christensen have another seasonal shop located on Poynitz, Little Apple Costume, which is a more "family-friendly" store compared to R&R's "college-friendly" atmosphere.

"Little Apple has a larger selection of men's costumes than R&R and they also have a lot of our wigs," Craig said.

Perhaps the real challenge is to find something that doesn't suit one's personality, thus creating a whole new persona. And what better time than Halloween to become someone completely different?

Jeremy Thornbrugh, who works at Hot Topic in Manhattan Town Center, said the store has a lot to offer when it comes to Halloween.

"We have a ton of girls' stuff and some guys' stuff too," Thornbrugh said. "There are different packaged costumes that range from about \$50-\$60 that include pretty much everything you'll need. We also have a ton of wings, fangs, wigs and other accessories."

And though it might sound like a lot to spend on one night of dressing up, Thornbrugh assures the costumes are good quality and can be used for more than just one Halloween.

If spending a lot of money, or any money at all, doesn't fit into the budget, there are plenty of ways to whip up something almost free of charge.

A great way to save on money is to use clothing hanging in the closet, since it already fits and is comfortable.

A dress shirt, dress pants and sus-



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Located at 715 N 12th St, in Aggierville, Rockstar and Rogers provides the widest selection of costume rentals year round. Costume rental prices start at \$20 a day and go up.

penders make a nice newsie.

Plaid can make anyone a little bit country. And for sports fans, jerseys are the way to go.

However, for some, everyday attire might not seem very costume-y. This is where creativity comes into play.

Old clothes are always available for experimentation.

Ripping shreds to become a zombie, dying them different colors for a hippie costume, even staining or dirtying to become "white trash" are all ways to take items from the closet and transform them into something different.

Think outside the box.

Don't think clothing items are the only means of construction. Random household items can become great costumes or make perfect accessories. Boxes, sheets and even aluminum foil will help you pass as a leftover — and get you a free Chipotle burrito.



With a wide array of make-up, accessories, wigs, and fake facial hair, Rockstar and Rogers sells a plethora of items to add to any costume.

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- \$3 Any Sandwich 11am-2pm
- \$3 Boulevard pints
- \$2 Enchilada Plate
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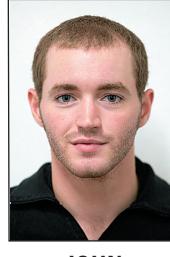
### Friday Halloween Parties

- \$2.50 Coors Lt. Pints
- \$3 Coors Lt. Bottles
- \$3 Killian's & Blue Moon Pints
- \$3 KO Shots
- Free t-shirts at 10pm

### Friday Halloween Parties

- \$3 Coronas
- \$3 Cuervo Shots
- 100 Free t-shirts at 9 pm**

# Students find alternatives to adult trick-or-treating



JOHN CLARK

The swift cold wind of the dark fall night fills the air, while ghosts and goblins run from house to house trying to have the most-filled bags of candy.

Trick-or-treating was my favorite thing to do when I was a little kid; you could be whoever you wanted to and do whatever you wanted to – within reason. Over the years Halloween has become my favorite holiday. I can pull any prank I want and dress up as whatever I want to be. No one cares who or what trick-or-treaters are.

Looking back at the great times I had as a child, I have to ask myself, do college kids trick-or-

treat? I took some time to talk to a variety of K-State students about their Halloween plans, and if they would be doing any trick-or-treating.

The general consensus I received from the students was that they would be doing a different type of trick-or-treating this year.

The new alternative of the Halloween tradition involves alcohol consumption and dressing up, which can be found at parties.

"I'll be dressing up as Artis Gilmore for Halloween," said Jessica Lodoly, senior in advertising. "I will probably be going to parties and trick-or-treating for shots or free booze, while staying responsible."

College Halloween parties seem to be the main draw this year. There doesn't seem to be a whole lot of traditional trick-or-treating planned.

Looking back at the idea of college students going out at night to get free candy might be fun, but it is just as creepy as the free candy van my parents always warned

me about. From the sound of it, college students don't want to take away the festive spirit from the little ones and don't want to be creepers.

So this Halloween grab a friend, put on a costume and party it up. Who knows – you might just find a cute trick-or-treater.

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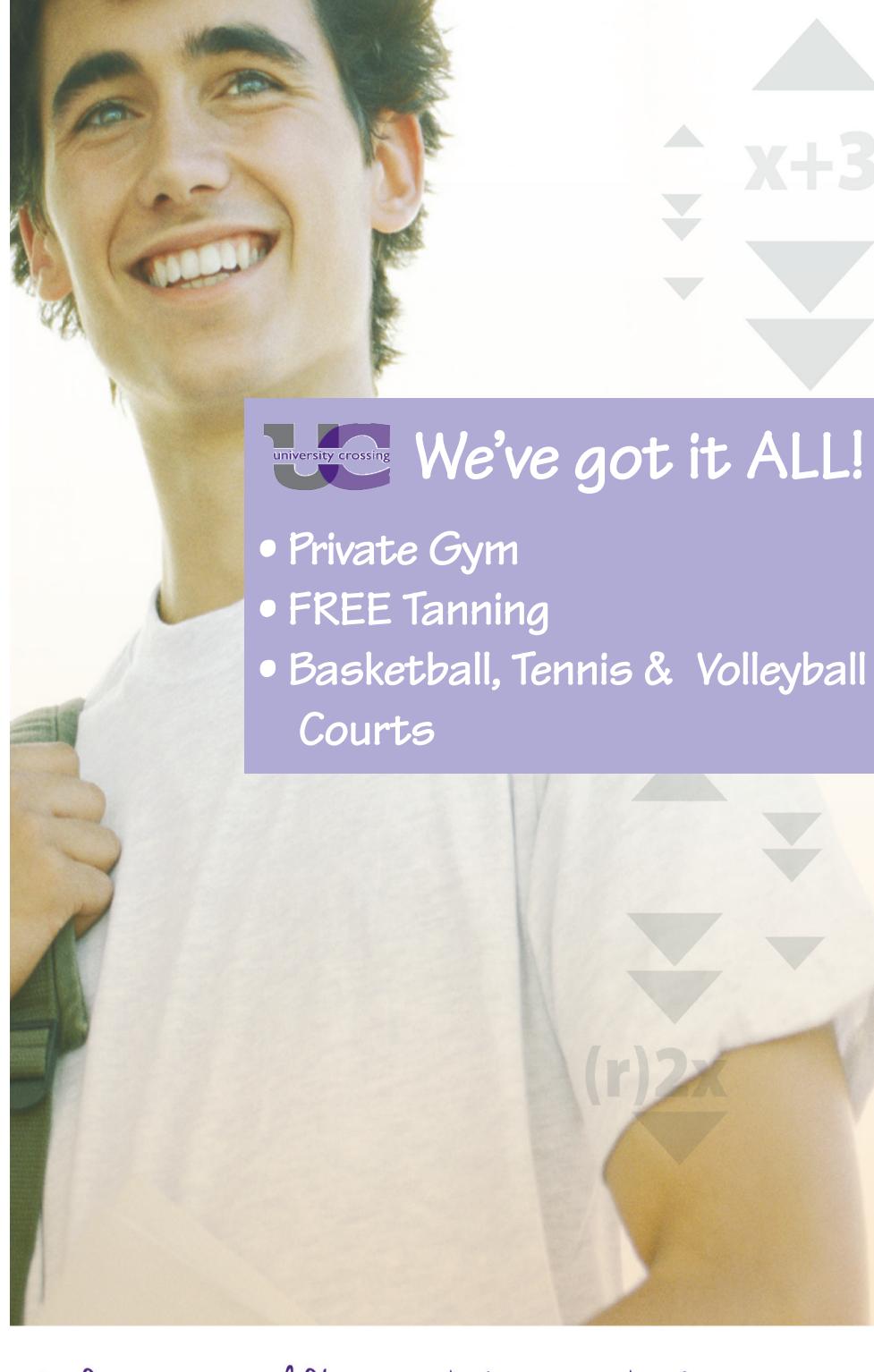


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